Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The delay is to the importance of this matter.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—How long has this been under the consideration of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For a few months.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was it not under consideration before the resolution was passed and is still under consideration after the resolution is passed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Landing or mooring charges—Levy of.

382. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any landing or mooring charges are collected from boats that come to the landing at Kokkalai, Trichur;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement regarding the rates, the conditions of payment of other particulars in respect of such charges?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes

(b) The rates are:—

I. Cargo or cabin boat—annas 4 for the first day and 2 annas per diem for the succeeding days of stay of the boat in the tank.

2. Passenger boat—annas 2 for the first day and anna 1 per diem for succeeding days.

2. Small boat—pies 6 for the first day and 3 pies per diem for succeeding days.

II. The following boats are exempt from paying the fees.

1. Government boats.
2. Boats carrying policemen or soldiers on duty.
3. Boats carrying Trichur Municipal Council servants on duty.
4. Boats belonging to the Travancore Government.
5. Other boats exempted by the Trichur Municipal Council from time to time.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are there not notice boards giving rates to be paid in the landing places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. I think there must be.

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Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If there are not notice boards, will the Government be pleased to cause notice boards to be put up?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly.

Boards showing schedule rates—landing places.

383. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to the schedule referred to in the previous question, will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether boards showing the schedule rates are put up at any of the landing or mooring places along the foreshore at Ernakulam; and if so, in how many places such boards are put up;

(b) whether the absence of such boards in many or even all of the landing and mooring places has enabled the contractor to exact from the boatmen as landing or mooring charges, much larger sums that the rates specified in the above schedule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, in three places (b) No.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know how long these notice boards have been there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think ever since the licensing began.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are there only 3 places which are convenient for the landing and mooring of boats along the Ernakulam foreshore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These must be places where it has been fixed for landing and mooring purposes. They cannot use the entire foreshore. There is a notification on the subject. They must not go and land anywhere.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are boats allowed to make their landing only at these three places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Unless it be a private boat. Then I think they can use the private jetties belonging to private owners.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—On such boats will there be any landing charges collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

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